PUBLIC NOTICE - HOLMES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Public Comment Period for the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan

The Holmes County Solid Waste Management District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period (Monday, May 4, 2009 until Tuesday, June 2, 2009) on the draft solid waste management plan (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55). The District has prepared a draft solid waste management plan as required by Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft solid waste plan includes a solid waste facility inventory, projections and strategies, facilities and programs to be used, an analysis of progress made toward achieving state waste reduction goals, cost to finance the plan and District rules.

This draft plan is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This plan includes existing programs including the Millersburg curbside recycling program, drop-off recycling programs and the operation of several collection programs including: household hazardous waste, scrap tires, appliances, automobile batteries and used oil, and electronic waste management programs. The District also has an extensive public outreach, advertising and education program.

The draft plan includes a demonstration of access to capacity that determines there is more than fifteen years of landfill capacity available to the District. Under this plan, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to designate facilities in accordance with Section 343.014 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft plan identifies Ohio EPA permitted and licensed solid waste landfill facilities.

The District achieves the State of Ohio 90% recycling access goal through the operation of the Millersburg curbside recycling program and drop-off recycling centers located throughout Holmes County.

The District currently funds plan programs and current operations through a solid waste generation fee of $5.00 collected at any licensed solid waste landfill or transfer station in the State of Ohio. The District is increasing the generation fee beginning August 10, 2009 from $5.00 to $7.00 with ratification and approval of the draft solid waste plan. The need for the fee increase is due to the projected cost of recycling programs to maintain or exceed State goals.

The District will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft plan on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 3:00 pm at The Old Jail Administrative Offices, 2 Court Street, Millersburg, Ohio 44654.

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft plan from May 4, 2009 until June 2, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Ed Britt, District Coordinator, Holmes County Solid Waste Management District, 2 Court Street, Suite 22, Millersburg, Ohio 44654.

The draft plan is available for review at the District's office, The Old Jail Administrative Offices, 2 Court Street, Suite 22, Millersburg, Ohio 44654 and online at: www.co.holmes.oh.us/public_notices. Please call (330) 674-7293 with any questions about the plan update or the opportunity to review a copy.